

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 48 are pending in the present application. We note that the office action dated January 16, 2007 refers only to claims 1 through 28. The undersigned respectfully requests consideration of claims 29 through 48 in addition to claims 1 through 28.

The office action rejects claims 1 through 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by www.poweropt.com. The Examiner may recall that during a January 24, 2006 in-person interview, Applicants' undersigned representative explained that the web site www.poweropt.com has been in operation for some time. The present application is directed to new functionality that was added to the web site. For example, with respect to claims 1 and 10, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed methods for identifying stock option spreads. Claims 8, 9 and 27 are likewise directed to methods that did not previously exist at the web site www.poweropt.com. Therefore, although a version of the web site existed prior to the filing of the present application, the pending claims are not anticipated or rendered obvious by the previously existing web site.

Withdrawal of the rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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